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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

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The First Session of the Montgomery Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, commenced in Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 7, at 9 a. m.

Bishop Andrew not having arrived, on motion of C. D. Oliver, O. R. Blue was called to the Chair, and the session was opened with religious services by W. H. Ellison.

The Chair then appointed B. B. Ross to call the roll of the Conference, when fifty-two members answered to their names, and took their seats.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for a President, when on the first ballot, O. R. Blue having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected.

On motion of W. H. Ellison, B. B. Ross was nominated and elected Secretary.

W. H. Carter and Thos. J. Rutledge were nominated and elected Assistant Secretaries.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Public Worship—C. D. Oliver, B. B. Ross.

On Education—H. N. McTyeire, D. M. Hudson, W. A. McCarty, W. A. Shapard, and M. S. Andrews.

On Sunday Schools—L. F. Dowdell, A. Dowling, and Jesse Wood.

On Periodicals—Wesley B. Dennis, R. B. Crawford.

On Memoirs—E. J. Hamill, A. J. Briggs, S. A. Pilley.

On motion of J. W. SHORES, a Special Committee was appointed

On the Religious State of the Country—H. N. McTyeire, A. S. Dickinson, M. S. Andrews, Anson West, and E. S. Smith.

The Secretary presented a Book of Record for the Journal of the Conference, which was accepted and ordered to be paid for by the Legal Conference.

The Conference, on motion, proceeded to appoint the members of the Legal Conference. O. R. BLUE was appointed President, and H. N. MCTYEIRE, E. J. HAMILL, A. S. DICKINSON, and W. H. ELLISON, the remaining members.

The Conference being organized, the Questions prescribed by the Discipline were taken up:

FIRST QUESTION— *Who are admitted on trial?*

Robert H. Harris, John P. McFerrin, Thos. W. Lane, Wilbur F. Norton, and Thos. G. Slaughter, were admitted.

SECOND QUESTION— *Who remain on trial!*

Everett L. Loveless and William A. Edwards, were passed and continued on trial.

THIRD QUESTION— *Who are admitted into full connection?*

Perry K. Brindley, J. A. Parker, J. K. Tansey, Thos. K. Armstrong, Robt. A. Timmons, John G. Walker, and John Ellison, were admitted.

Daniel T. Hamner passed and continued in second year's course of study.

FOURTH QUESTION— *Who are re-admitted?*

E. D. Pitts, Lafayette Patterson, and Robt. N. Scales.

FIFTH QUESTION— *Who are received by transfer?*

H. P. Waugh, F. X. Forster, B. F. Perry, John P. Jones, and John F. Ellison.

SIXTH QUESTION— *Who are the Deacons of one year?*

Jacob L. Skipper, W. R. Kirk, C. W. Smith and Jordan A. Wethers, passed.

H. L. Young, S. A. Pilley, John H. Lockhart, Julius C. A. Bridges, and W. G. Johnson, passed and continued in third year's course of study.

SEVENTH QUESTION— *What traveling Preachers are elected, and ordained Deacons?*

P. K. Brindley, James A. Parker, James K. Tansey, Robt. A. Timmons and John F. Ellison, were elected.

EIGHTH QUESTION— *What Local Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?*

S. S. Sikes, Noah Segrest, P. O. Harper, D. E. Corbitt, Thomas K B. McSpadden, J. C. Holmes, M. C. Lunsford, J. D. Clayland, W. W. Walker, E. S. Tyner, T. W. White, John Giovanni, James H. Robinson, John Dowling, Jas. W. Crossley, Wilbur F. Norton, William S. Rye, W. H. Garrett, Lassanes A. Jones, Tarpley R. Parker, James R. Perry, John Yeargin, Joseph Campbell, J. Gibbs Asheville, James E. Andrews, W. J. Roladar, Hiram W. Lawley, Jno. S. Archer, Francis M. Treadway and Levi Clifton, were elected.

NINTH QUESTION— *What traveling Preachers are elected and ordained Elders?*

Largus R. Bell, J. L. Cassiday, W. R. Talley, John A. Pace, E. S. Smith, George Watson, R. B Crawford, Benj. F. Blow, W. H. Morris, Jesse Wood, C. S D. Lassiter, and W. G. Perry, passed and elected.

B. L. Selman and James A. Parker were elected and ordained Elders, in view of their special work in the army.

TENTH QUESTION— *What local Preachers are elected and ordained Elders?*

John R. Slaughter, H. J. Williams, M. G. Slaughter, Thomas Edwards, LaFayette Patterson, Wilson Williams, Robert Smilie, Robert H. Haynes, Daniel T. Hamner, A. W. Moore, Oliver Fleming, James W. Hightower, William H. Biggs, Robt. S. Rabb, W. M. Sturdivant, James W. Porch, and Jacob W. Addington, were elected.

ELEVENTH QUESTION— *Who have located this year?*

Answer: None.

TWELFTH QUESTION— *Who are supernumerary?*

J. M. Jennings, Thomas M. Lynch, E. B. McClelland, C. S. D. Lassiter and F. X. Forster.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION— *Who are superannuated?*

Z. Dowling, S. F. Pilley, E. W. Story, W. Rhodes, J. T. Roper, J. W. Laney, J. W. Brown, Jesse Ellis, W. P. Miller, U. Williams, C. D. Nicholson, and C. N. McLeod.

FOURTEENTH QUESTION— *What Preachers have died during the past year?*

Thomas Lynch, W. D. Matthews, Benj. S. Williams, James M. Campbell, and O. B. Standley.

For particulars see report of Committee on Memoirs.

FIFTEENTH QUESTION—*Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

This question was strictly attended to, by calling over their names, and making the necessary inquiries.

SIXTEENTH QUESTION— *What is the number of preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?*

We have not as full a statement of the Missions, Circuits and Stations as we could have desired.

We present the following recapitulation from the several Districts. We cannot tell the amount of increase or decrease, because of the absence of the Journal of the Alabama Conference:

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Whites.		Colored.		Local Preach's
	Prob's.	Mem's.	Prob's	Mem's.	
Gadsden	716	3048	75	963	55
Talladega	1135	4175	172	640	63
Summerfield	106	307	126	485	3
Montgomery	342	3219	689	3710	43
Eufaula	893	1738	512	1914	29
Lowndesboro	1200	4619	839	2963	51
Mariana	561	2391	344	525	27
Camden	338	1326	387	1566	15
Total	4791	20823	3144	12566	286

Seventeenth Question— *What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on their respective districts, circuits and stations?*"

Answer—$6,280.

Eighteenth Question— *What has been contributed on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*"

Answer—$13,423 49.

Which was applied as follows:

C. N. McLeod	$ 800 00	Mrs. Ferguson	$ 800 00
A. S. Dickinson	312 00	Mrs. Standley	400 00
E. B. McClelland	170 00	Mrs. Dickinson	800 00
C. W. Smith	122 50	Child of Rounsaval	100 00
C. S. D. Lassiter	86 66	Mrs. Oslin	600 00
J. L Skipper	70 00	Mrs. Williams	300 00
R. Nicholson	105 05	Jesse Ellis	400 00
S. F. Pilley	630 00	J. W. Laney	600 00
Mrs. Abernathy	650 00	Mrs. Lynch	200 00
C. D. Nicholson	500 00	Z Dowling	300 00
Mrs W. D. Matthews	300 00	W. P. Miller	535 00
William Rhodes	300 00	Mrs. Bailey	150 00
U. Williams	300 00	Child of McDonald	140 00
John T. Roper	240 00	J. C. A. Bridges	28 40
Mrs. Pollock	150 00	James P. McGee	289 93
Bishop Andrew	2500 00	Financial Book	75 00
Reserved for Minutes	350 00	Stationery	10 00
Total			$13,423 48

NINETEENTH QUESTION— *What has been contributed for the Missionary, Sunday School and Tract Society?*

Answer—For Missions, $38,262 00.
" " Sunday Schools, $1,298 50.
" " Tracts, &c., 10,091 90.

TWENTIETH QESTION— *When and where shall our next Conference be held?"*

Answer—At Lowndesboro, Lowndes county, Ala. Time not given.

TWENTY-FIRST QUESTION— *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.
C. D. OLIVER, P. E.

Montgomery, H. N. McTyeire.
Stone Chapel and Mon'gy Col'd Miss. } J. W. Jordan.
Herron street, to be supplied.
Auburn, M. S. Andrews.
Mt. Jefferson Col'd Mission, Thomas H. Whitby.
Tuskegee, Bennett B. Ross.
Chambers, Thomas L. Densler, R. H. Harris.
Oak Bowery and Lafayette, John Matthews.
Russell, William B. Neal.
Olivet Col'd Mis'n, W. G. Johnson.
Crawford, J. H. Lockhart.
Uchee Col'd mission, to be supplied.
Loachapoka, Lewis F. Dowdell.
Tuskegee Circuit, Jesse Wood.
Opelika, E. D. Pitts.
Mt. Meigs and Colored Mission, John A. Pace.
E. J. Hammill, Missionary to Cheatham's Corps.
John G. Mottley, Missionary to Pollard and Camp Watts.
I. I. Tatom, Missionary to Cleburne's Division.
J. P. McFerrin, Chaplain in the army.
W. J. Sassnett, President of East Ala. Male College.
O. R. Blue, Agent of Orphan's Home of East Alabama.
F. H. Wardlaw, Post Chaplain at Opelika
Thomas K. Armstrong, in the army.

WETUMPKA DISTRICT.
DANIEL M. HUDSON, P. E.

Wetumpka, L. D. Huston.
Prattville, Andrew J. Briggs.
Autaugaville, E. B. Norton.
Kingston, to be supplied by J. T. Talley.
Secapatoy, to be supplied, T. M. Lynch sup.
Dadeville, John N. Dupree.
Tallassee, John P. Jones.
Maplesville, W. A. Montgomery.
George R. Talley, Missionary to Jackson's Brigade.

GADSDEN DISTRICT.
T. MOODY, P. E.

Montevallo, F. T. J. Brandon.
Cahaba Valley, George J. Mason.
Harpersville, E. S. Smith.
Oak Mountain, H. L. Young.
Coosa River, W. R Towles.
Asheville, R. N. Scales, E. B. McLelland, sup'y.
Jacksonville, W. A. Sampey.
Centre, John W. Talley.
Cross Plains Mission, W. J. Davis.
Gadsden, P K. Brindley, one to be supplied.
Cedar Bluff Mission, Jas. A. Neely.
Lebanon Mission, Rufus Nicholson.
C. L. Dobbs, Missionary to Wheeler's corps.
W. G. Perry, Chaplain 44th Ala. Reg.
W. L. Clifton, in the army.
E. A. West, in the army.
Joel A. Vest, in the army.

TALLADEGA DISTRICT.
D. DUNCAN, P. E.

Talladega, Robert B. Crawford.
Talladega Circuit, Thos G. Slaughter
Talladega Col'd Mis., to be supplied.
White Plains, J. C. A. Bridges.
Iron Works Mission, to be supplied.
Arbacoochee, to be supplied.
Lineville, Robert A. Timmons.
Blue Mountain Mission, to be suppl'd
Wesabulga Mission, to be supplied.

Roanoke, James M. Towles.
Pinkneyville, L. R. Bell, C. S. D. Lassiter sup.
Hatchett Creek, Charles W. Smith.
Fayetteville, John G. Walker.
Joseph T. Curry, in the army.

EUFAULA DISTRICT.

W. H. Ellison, P. E.

Eufaula, William Shapard.
Glennville, W. A. McCarty.
Clayton and Louisville, W. H. Wild.
Chunnennuggee, Thomas W. Lane.
{ Union Springs, J. F. Ellison, F. X. Forster, sup.
{ Union Springs Col'd Mission, to be supplied.
{ Enon, J. W. Solomon.
{ Barbour Col'd Mission, to be supplied by J. L. Oliver.
Perote, J. F. Dickinson.
{ Villula, J. B. Cottrell.
{ Oswitchee Col'd Mission, M. C. Turrentine.
Clayton, L. Patterson.
{ Lawrenceville, W. K. Norton.
{ Lawrenceville Col'd Mission, Jno. J. Cassiday.
William A. Edwards, Missionary to army of Florida.
T. J. Rutledge, Chaplain in the army.
W. F. Norton, Chaplain in 39th Ala. Regiment.

LOWNDESBORO DISTRICT.

James W. Shores, P. E.

{ Lowndesboro and Hayneville, B. F. Perry, J. M. Jennings, sup'y.
{ Hayneville Col'd Mis., J. J. Lathram.
Big Swamp Col'd Mis., B. F. Blow.
{ Ramer, J. L Sampey.
{ Sandy Ridge Col'd Mission, to be supplied by R. Smilie.
Greenville and Ft. Deposit, James W. Glenn.
Millville, H. J. Hunter.
South Butler, J. K. Tansey.
Mt. Ida, William H. Morris.
Troy and Orion, A. Dowling.
Union, J. P. Dickinson, one to be supplied by C. S. Hurt.
Brundidge, A. S. Dickinson.
Elba, J. A. Wethers.
James A. Parker, Missionary to Clayton's Division.

MARIANA DISTRICT.

Francis Walker, P. E.

Mariana, Anson West.
{ Greenwood, William R. Talley.
{ Calhoun Mission, to be supplied.
{ Campbell, E. L. Loveless.
{ Jackson Col'd Mission, W. B. Adams
Woodville, H. P. Waugh.
Hawridge, J. L. Skipper.
Sylvan Grove, D T Hamner.
{ Geneva, W. C Robinson.
{ Double Bridges Mission, to be supplied by T Y. Register.
{ Big Creek Ct, to be supplied by John Dowling.
{ Yellow River Mission, to be supplied by M. C. Lunsford.
Cerro Gordo, to be supplied by S. Grantham.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

W. M. Motley, P. E.

Camden, S. A. Pilley.
Blacks Bend, L. M. Wilson.
Oak Hill, D S. McDonald.
Snow Hill, W. R. Kirk.
Farmersville, J. E. Treadwell.
{ Pleasant Hill, Neil Gillis.
{ Pleasant Hill Colored Mission, J. A. Spence.
{ Benton Col'd Mis, P. R. McCrary.
Sepulga, to be supplied.
Evergreen, W. W. Graham.
Monroeville, Wesley B. Dennis.
Mount Pleasant, George Watson.
B. L Selman, Chaplain 23d Ala. Reg.
Moses E. Butt, transferred to Mobile Conference.
W. H. Carter, stationed at St. Paul's, Mobile.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

IN MEMORIAM.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

THOMAS LYNCH.

The Committee are not informed of the the time and place of his birth. We learn he joined the Mississippi Conference in 1829, and was appointed to Port Gibson Circuit. We next hear of him appointed to Tuskaloosa Station, Alabama Conference, in 1839; was presiding Elder on Talladega District, in 1840 and 1841; served the Eufaula District for the ensuing four years; the Crawford and La-Fayette Circuits and Uchee Mission; the following years, at the close of which he was superannuated. For years he has not attended the Annual Conferences. A few of the present members recollect him as a man of great dignity, slow of speech, deliberate, full of practical wisdom, a holy man, who enforced the doctrine of entire sanctification, both by precept and example. He was a lover of good men—a wise spiritual builder, who determined that his work when tried so as by fire, should be found of gold, silver, precious stones, and not of wood, hay and stubble.

He was much less concerned about the visible prosperity of the Church, its members, wealth and earthly advantages, than its real growth in holy duty, and in power with God. "When the bridegroom came," he was found fully ready, "his lamp trimmed and burning." He remarked he was glad his hour had come, and fell asleep in Jesus.

WILLIS D. MATTHEWS.

He entered the Georgia Conference in 1831, and served the church effectively in many prominent appointments, on Stations, Circuits, and Districts, for 21 years; was superannuated three years, and then served two additional years in the Georgia Conference, from which he was transferred to the Alabama Conference in 1856. Here he served the Talladega District four years, and the Wetumpka Station

in 1861, where his health failed. At the ensuing Conference he was granted a superannuated relation, and remained in that relation until his death. He was a sweet spirit: the goddess of his heart stamped itself on his very countenance, and gave the witchery of love to his voice and manner.

The unction and sweetness with which he sang the praises of God were remarkable. He was profoundly versed in the mysteries of grace, and taught the deep things of God, in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. The spirit of Divine love permeated his public and private life, and made all who knew him feel that the power which wrought in him was not of man, but of God. The beauty of his Christianity rendered him a fit medium through which the attractiveness of the Cross drew many souls unto God. Multitudes will bless his memory. When his last hour came he was ready to say with the beloved disciple, "Come Lord Jesus, come quickly."

BENJAMIN S. WILLIAMS

Joined the Alabama Conference in 1850, and was appointed to Chambers Circuit; in 1851 to Columbus Circuit, and Forkland Circuit in 1852. At the close of this year, to prepare himself more thoroughly for the work of the ministry, he located, and went to the Centenary Institute. In 1854, he was employed by the P. E., on the Autauga Circuit. Re-entered the Conference at the close of the year, and served in the order following: the Cahaba and Montevallo Stations; the Montgomery Colored charge; the Gainesville and Warsaw; the Union Springs and Clayton and Louisville Stations, and lastly the Mariana District in 1863 and 1864. In midsummer of this year his health entirely failed, and he went home to the house of his father-in-law, to die.

Bro. Williams was a single-hearted, earnest-minded man, fervent in spirit serving the Lord. He looked like one who saw the great verities of God and Eternity, and seeing, saw

> "No room for mirth or trifling here,
> For wordly hope or wordly fear."

Rarely has the apostolic injunction, to be sober-minded, been more perfectly obeyed. Not that he was wanting in cheerfulness—no, he appreciated the kindness of his God and Savior, not only in the great gifts of grace, but also, in the smallest earthly favors; and for the rich social advantages God had accorded him, he felt that he had abundant cause for thankfulness. He had a heart that could inhale the incense of praise from the beauty of a flower, and bless God for its loveliness. He was one whose spirit seemed to beat against the walls of his clay tenement in his attempts to soar into higher regions

of intellect, truth and spiritual life. The zeal of the house of God consumed him. He could not be a sluggard in God's vineyard.—Whatsoever his hand found to do, he did with all his might. The smallest interests of Zion were to him of vast importance, nor would his stern integrity allow him to compromise in the least particular aught that pertained to the glory of God. In the great revival at Autaugaville in 1854, he seemed clothed with the power of God as with a garment; many were the slain of the Lord, and never will they forget him, as the words of his mouth pierced as a two-edged sword, dividing asunder soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and were a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. He was as a hammer of God to the public congregation, while his frequent angel-like visits to the habitations of the lowly, were as the breathing of the harps of Heaven. The burden of the Lord allowed him to give no rest to the sinner until he sought and found the peace that passeth all understanding.

To Brother Williams this earth had grand significance. Nature in all her voices spoke to his heart the quiet words of wisdom, and taught him this vast material world was but the highway to eternal things: and though he might innocently and thankfully partake of refreshment by the way, yet he must hasten unto "the coming of the day of God, wherein the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up." He trod a path of light to the skies, brightening unto the perfect day. With his power as a preacher, and earnest devotion to the work, much was expected of him in the wider sphere of Presiding Elder. Nor would the hopes of the Church have been in vain—but God had need of him, and took him to himself. His last illness was a triumphant career heavenward, in which he found it necessary to curb his impatience to depart and be with Christ.—He has gone before us, and his works do follow him. Let us meet him in the land of light.

JAMES M. CAMPBELL

Joined the Alabama Conference in 1854, and served his several fields of labor in the following order: Geneva Circuit, Apalachicola and Pensacola Stations; Butler and Greenwood Circuits, Woodville and Columbia, and Warrington Stations; from the last of which he entered the army as chaplain in 1861.

James M. Campbell was a warm-hearted, energetic and efficient itinerant. His early education was limited, but with high resolve he determined, by the grace of God, there should be light, and darkness fled apace before his eager pursuit of wisdom; rapidly progressed the work of self-culture; steadily from all sources he drew the materials for laying deep and broad the foundation of useful

knowledge. He became a workman who needed not to be ashamed, as he proclaimed effectively the unsearchable riches of Christ. He was a man of strong sense, who won favor whithersoever he went, and who loved Methodism devotedly in all her peculiarities. Useful in the quiet Sanctuary, he was uncommonly efficient as a Chaplain in the army, a man in whom the stern warrior delighted. Whether won by his love for the soldiers to share fully their perils, or impelled by the self-sacrificing patriotism he witnessed, or that he thought the swords, temporal and spiritual, might make him more extensively useful, we know not; but he changed his relation to the army, and was soon chosen major of his regiment, in which sphere he failed not to preserve the same unswerving fidelity to his Master which had before distinguished him. His heart was fixed, trusting in the Lord. A brave heart, a true man, instantly and without warning, it pleased God to call him hence. He fell at Spottsylvania Court House, Virginia, on the 14th of May, 1864, by the hand of a sharpshooter, and now we believe rests with his God.

O. B. STANDLEY.

Brother Standley, a transfer from the Florida Conference, was a quiet, unobtrusive spirit, meek and lowly in both spirit and manner, a useful minister, loving God and his Church devotedly. He felt it to be an honor of which he was not worthy, that he was called to labor in word and doctrine for his Master, and gladly preached the gospel to the lowly and obscure. In the last year, a cloud darkened his fair name, but we learn God his Father vindicated his spirit and character by a triumphant death. He died attesting to the last the integrity of his heart, and even his enemies have been made to be at peace with him, and to clear his name of censure.

CHURCH PERIODICALS.

Wesley B. Dennis, Chairman of Committee on Periodicals, presented their report, which was adopted, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will bring the subject of sustaining the Southern Christian Advocate before all our congregations, and earnestly entreat their aid in its support.

EDUCATION.

H. N. McTyeire, Chairman of the Committee on Education, presented their report, of which the following is an abstract:

CENTENARY INSTITUTE, the joint property of the Mobile and Montgomery Conferences, is still open, and doing a good work.

GLENNVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE sends up an encouraging report. It has an efficient Faculty of four Teachers, and 125 pupils, and has been favored with a gracious revival of religion during the year. It promises much usefulness to the Church.

The exercises of AUBURN COLLEGE are still suspended, and the buildings are used as a Confederate Hospital. The Trustees send no report.

The Trustees of TUSKEGEE FEMALE COLLEGE have furnished no report, but the Committee received a communication from Rev. Jesse Wood, late President of the College, stating that he had recently sold his lease to Rev. C. D. Elliott, of Nashville, and that the exercises of the College were going forward regularly.

The Committee, in concluding their report, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legal Conference be instructed, at the earliest day possible, to inquire into the relations of the Tuskegee Female College to this body, as they may be effected by the change referred to in the communication of Rev. Jesse Wood, with the view of securing the rights of the Conference in the Institution, and fulfilling our pledges to the Church in its establishment.

L. F. Dowdell, Chairman of Committee on Sunday Schools, presented their report, showing that the war had reached and damaged this interest of the Church as well as others, taking away in many instances both teachers and pupils, and crippling in many other ways this great enterprise for building up and increasing the Church of God. The report was adopted.

☞ The main body of the above reports have been excluded for want of room.

The ALABAMA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH at its late session in Lowndesboro', Ala., appointed Rev. Dr. S. K. Cox and P. T. Graves, Esq., Fraternal Messengers to attend the session of the Montgomery Conference of M. E. Church, South, at Tuskegee. Rev. Dr. Cox was present, and was introduced to the Conference, and delivered a very earnest and eloquent address, which was listened to with great interest.

H. N. McTyeire offered the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

Resolved, That this Conference do heartily welcome the Rev. Dr. Cox, Fraternal Messenger from the Methodist Protestant Church in the Alabama District; that we entertain and reiterate the sentiments uttered by him in his address before this body touching the fellowship and prospective *union* of the two bodies of the Methodist family in the Confederate States.

Resolved, That this Conference appoint two messengers to visit the next session of the Protestant Conference.

Mark S. Andrews, and Daniel M. Hudson, were appointed the messengers under the last resolution.

The following resolution was offered by J. B. Cottrell, and O. R. Blue, and adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

Resolved, That in response to the salutations of our brethren of the Mobile Conference, we extend to them expressions of reciprocal regard and affection, and in view of our past relations as members of a common Conference, we will cherish and cultivate the closest fraternal intercourse.

The following was offered by Francis Walker and E. J. Hamill, and adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference do set apart the first Friday in April, as a day of Fasting and Prayer, in view of the condition of the country.

H. N. McTyeire and O. R. Blue presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS it has come to the knowledge of the Montgomery Annual Conference that certain "ministers of religion, licensed according to the rules" of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and who were "in the regular discharge of their ministerial duties on the 17th February, 1864," within the bounds of this Conference, have been during the year past, claimed by Enrolling officers in the State of Alabama, as subject to conscription and put to annoyance, delay and expense by these enrolling officers, and in some cases have been forced into the army contrary to the law of Congress regulating and defining exemptions;

AND WHEREAS the pretense is set up by some who are charged with the execution of the conscript laws, that local preachers and traveling preachers, who are not ordained, and preachers who serve colored missions, are not exempt under this law. Therefore,

Resolved 1*st*, That this Conference hereby declares that the theory structure, and constitution of the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, justifies no such discrimination.

Resolved 2*d*, That such discrimination against any class of our ministry, is sectarian, unjust, illegal and oppressive.

Resolved 3*d*, That this preamble and these resolutions be published in the Southern Christian Advocate and Montgomery Advertiser, and that the Secretary of this Conference furnish a certified copy of the same to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with re-

quest that they take such measures as are necessary to secure the rights of all our ministers, as guaranteed by the law of the Confederate States.

E. J. Hamill offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst our brother JOEL HAMITER, a man of rare beauty of character, and whose pre-eminent liberality in support of the grand charities of the age, was indeed as a city set upon a hill.

Therefore resolved, That the members of this Conference feel deeply sensible of the fact that in the death of our beloved brother, the church and the country have sustained a great loss, but we feel that though dead he yet speaketh to us in his rich examples of self-sacrificing piety; and we comfort our hearts with the assurance that though he has failed on earth, he has been abundantly received into everlasting habitations.

Resolved, That we offer our sincere condolence to his afflicted family, and pray that the Father of the fatherless, and the widow's Judge, may comfort them in their irreparable loss, and keep them through grace unto everlasting life.

O. R. Blue and W. H. Ellison presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Montgomery Conference hereby request the Bishops to call a General Conference during the ensuing year, if in their judgment it should be thought advisable to do so.

The following delegates were elected to the General Conference:

H. N. McTyeire, O. R. Blue, W. H. Ellison, W. A. McCarty, B. B. Ross, W. J. Sassnett, C. D. Oliver.

RESERVES.

E. J. Hamill and M. S. Andrews.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FINANCIAL BOARD.

Clerical Members.	*Lay Members.*
M. S. Andrews,	Isaac Hill,
J. W. Solomon,	John H. Miller,
James L. Sampey,	W. R. Cox,
E. B. Norton,	T. N. Gautier,
D. S. McDonald,	W. P. Carter,
John G. Walker,	T. E. Groce,
E. S. Smith,	J. P. Ralls,
Thos. M. Lynch,	Daniel Pratt,

William Shapard, Chairman.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Centenary Institute—B. F. Perry, A. J. Briggs and E. B. Norton.

Glennville Female College—W. A. McCarty, J. B. Cottrell and W. Shapard.

Tuskegee Female College—C. D. Oliver, O. R. Blue and L. F. Dowdell.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

On First Year—W. H. Ellison, C. D. Oliver, J. A. Spence.

On Second Year—W. J. Sassnett, W. M. Motley, D. M. Hudson.

On Third Year—H. N. McTyeire, M. S. Andrews, J. W. Solomon.

On Fourth Year—W. A. McCarty, T. M. Lynch, W. K. Norton.

COURSE OF STUDY.

First Year.—The Bible: Historical and Biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas, and Preachers' Text-Book, Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I., Discipline, Hymn-Book, Clarke's Preachers' Manual, Watson's Institutes, Part III., Theological Compend, English Grammar, Composition.

Second Year.—The Bible: as to the Institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above, Wesley's Sermon's, Vol. II., Discipline, with reference to Henkle's Analysis, Hymn-Book,

Smith's Elements of Divinity, Watson's Institutes, Part IV., Watson's Life of Wesley and Observations on Southey, Essay or Sermon with reference to Quackenbos's Advanced Course of Composition and Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible: as to Doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above, Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III., Discipline, Hymn-Book, Watson's Institutes, Part II., Whately's Rhetoric, Essay or Sermon, with reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

FOURTH YEAR—The Bible, generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above, Wesley's Sermon's, Vol. IV., Discipline, Hymn Book, River's Elements of Moral Philosophy, Watson's Institutes, Part I., Powell on Succession, Ruter's Church History, Whately's Logic, Essay or Sermon.

ORDINATION.

SUNDAY, December 11, 1864, 11 A. M.

Sermon by Bishop Andrew, after which the following were ordained:

DEACONS.

P. K. Brindley,	M. C. Lupsford,
James A. Parker,	John D. Clayland,
James K. Tansey,	William W. Walker,
Robert A. Timmons,	E. S. Tyner,
Stephen S. Sikes,	Thomas W. White,
Noah Segrest,	John Giovanni,
P. O. Harper,	James H. Robinson,
Daniel E. Corbitt,	John F. Ellison,
Thos. K. B. McSpadden,	John Dowling,
Joseph C. Holmes,	James W. Crossley,

William A. Edwards and W. J. Davis were afterwards ordained privately.

SUNDAY, 3 o'clock, p. m.

Sermon by Rev. Dr. S. K. Cox, of the Methodist Protestant Church, after which the following were ordained:

ELDERS.

John R. Slaughter,	George Watson,
H. J. Williams,	Robert B. Crawford,
Martin G. Slaughter,	Benj. F. Blow,
Thoms Edwards,	William H. Morris,

ELDERS—CONTINUED.

Daniel T. Hamner,	Jesse Wood,
Largus R. Bell,	LaFayette Patterson,
John J. Cassiday,	Wilson Williams,
William R. Talley,	Robert Smilie,
John A. Pace,	Robert H. Haynes,
Ethelbert S. Smith,	C. S. D. Lassiter,
Andrew J. Briggs,	Wm. G. Perry.

B. L. Selman and Jas. A. Parker were afterwards ordained privately.

LEGAL CONFERENCE.

O. R. Blue, H. N. McTyeire, A. S. Dickinson, W. H. Ellison, E. J. Hamill.

O. R. Blue, President, H. N. McTyeire, Secretary and Treasurer.

THANKS.

W. H. Ellison and D. M. Hudson offered the following, which were adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the citizens of Tuskegee for the kind and and sumptuous manner in which they have entertained the members of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the pastors and members of the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches for the use of their houses of worship, during the session.

MINISTERS

In connection with the Conference at the close of its Session.

Those in *italics* are superannuated.

ELDERS.

A. S. Dickinson,	C. D. Oliver,	*Z. Dowling*,
Jesse Ellis,	T. Moody,	*W. P. Miller*,
S. F. Pilley,	Daniel Duncan,	*Elias W. Story*,
L. M. Wilson,	*William Rhodes*,	G. R. Talley,
John T. Roper,	T. L. Densler,	*John W. Laney*,
P. R. McCrary,	John A. Spence,	J. W. Shores,
William B. Neal,	W. H. Ellison,	*C. N. McLeod*,
B. B. Ross,	E. J. Hammill,	J. M. Towles,
W. K. Norton,	J. M. Jennings,	H. J. Hunter

MINISTERS—CONTINUED.

U. Williams,	J. T. Curry,	W. Shapard,
O. R. Blue,	M. S. Andrews,	*J. W. Brown*,
J. N. Dupree,	J. B. Cottrell,	M. C. Turrentine,
C. L. Dobbs,	John Matthews,	Francis Walker,
E. B. Norton,	Daniel M. Hudson,	D. S. McDonald,
William H. Carter,	William H. Wild,	Thomas M. Lynch,
James L. Sampey,	William B. Adams,	F. T. J. Brandon,
William M. Motley,	B. L. Selman,	Joshua W. Jordan,
Angus Dowling,	W. A. McCarty,	Thomas J. Rutledge,
W. A. Sampey,	John E. Treadwell,	W. C. Robinson,
H. N. McTyeire,	John P. Dickinson,	H. P. Waugh,
Thos. H. Whitby,	B. F. Perry,	L. F. Dowdell,
F. X. Forster,	F. H. Wardlaw,	L. R. Bell,
James W. Glenn,	J. J. Cassiday,	W. A. Montgomery,
Wm. R. Talley,	Neil Gillis,	John A. Pace,
John W. Talley,	Ethelbert S. Smith,	W. J. Sassnett,
A. J. Briggs,	George J. Mason,	Geo. Watson,
William K. Towles,	R. B. Crawford,	Isaac I. Tatom,
Benj. F. Blow,	Anson West,	W. H. Morris,
John W. Solomon,	Jesse Wood,	John F. Dickinson,
C. S. D. Lassiter,	James P. McGee,	William G. Perry,
E. B. McLelland,	E. D. Pitts,	LaFayette Patterson,
Robt. N. Scales,	J. J. Lathram,	

PREACHERS OF THE FOURTH YEAR.

John F. Jones,	W. R. Kirk,	J. A. Neeley,
C. W. Smith,	Jacob L. Skipper,	Jordan A. Wethers,
C. D. Nicholson,	Rufus Nicholson.	

PREACHERS OF THE THIRD YEAR.

Henry L. Young,	Perry K. Brindley,	Stephen A. Pilley,
John H. Lockhart,	James A. Parker,	Thomas K. Armstrong
Julius C. A. Bridges,	James K. Tansey,	W. G. Johnson,
Robert A. Timmons,	John G. Walker,	John F. Ellison,
Elbert A. West,	Joel A. Vest.	

PREACHERS OF THE SECOND YEAR.

Daniel T. Hamner,	William A. Edwards,	Everett L. Loveless.

PREACHERS OF THE FIRST YEAR.

Robert H. Harris,	Thomas W. Love,	John P. McFerrin,
Wilbur F. Norton,	Thomas G. Slaughter,	

CONFERENCE COLLECTION.

By special resolution of the Conference, the Secretary was required to publish the amount of the Conference Collection from the various Circuits, Stations and Missions. The following is the report of the Secretary of the Joint Board of Finance:

GADSDEN DISTRICT.	
Gadsden	$
Centre	100 00
Oak Mountain Misssion	
Harpersville	281 83
Lebanon	26 66
Asheville	
Jacksonville	
Coosa River	
	$408 50

TALLADEGA DISTRICT.	
Talladega Station	$150 00
Talladega Circuit	20 00
White Plains	38 20
Arbacoochee	20 00
Lineville	34 90
Blue Mountain Mission	
Roanoke	50 80
Pinkneyville	117 88
Camp Hill	
Dadeville	
Socapatoy	100 00
Hatchett Creek	25 00
teville	101 91
	$658 70

SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT.	
Montevallo Station	$
Montevallo Circuit	193 90
Autaugaville	700 50
Kingston	86 10
Randolph	
Wetumpka	182 00
Prattville	99 93
	$1,262 43

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.	
Montgomery	$1089 03
Herron Street	200 00
Mt. Meigs	119 00
Tallassee	95 05
Tuskegee	696 28
Tuskegee Circuit	705 00
Loachapoka	135 00
Auburn	540 00
Oak Bowery	375 10
LaFayette	112 98
Crawford	305 25
Russell	502 50
Opelika	100 00
	$4,971 20

EUFAULA DISTRICT.	
Eufaula	$610 00
Glennville	289 83
Villula	248 75
Enon	490 50
Union Springs	215 33
Clayton and Louisville	267 60
Clayton Circuit	50 00
Chunnenuggee	162 50
Perote	431 50
	$2766 01

LOWNDESBORO DISTRICT.	
Lowndesboro and Hayneville	$161 16
Pleasant Hill	84 96
Farmersville	31 00
Ramer	197 00
Union	230 00
Greenville	299 71
Sepulga	86 10
South Butler	150 00

LOWNDESBORO' DISTRICT—continued.

Troy and Orion	200 00
Elba	86 45
Brundidge	100 00
Hayneville Colored Mission	66 66
	$1693 06

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

Camden	$166 66
Oak Hill	192 33
Snow Hill	105 00
Black's Bend	150 00
Monroeville	182 64
Evergreen	30 50
	$821 63

MARIANA DISTRICT.

Mariana	$245 00
Greenwood	156 73
Calhoun Mission	
Campbellton	
Woodville	
Hawridge	49 68
Sylvan Grove	71 52
Geneva	60 00
Big Creek	
Yellow River Mission	
Cerro Gordo	
Lawrenceville	239 00
Milton	
	$321 93
W. K. Norton's donation	20 00
	$841 93

Recapitulation by Districts.

Gadsden District	408 50
Talladega "	658 76
Summerfield "	1262 43
Montgomery "	4971 20
Eufaula "	2766 01
Lowndesboro	1693 06
Camden "	821 63
Mariana "	841 93
Total	$13,423 49

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The Missionary Society of the Montgomery Conference held a meeting on Sunday night, December 11th, 7 o'clock, p. m., in the Baptist Church of Tuskegee. The President, Rev. W. A. McCarty, in the Chair. Religious services were conducted by Rev. M. S. Andrews. The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed. Dr. Green addressed the audience. By arrangement of the Board of Managers, no public collection was taken up. The following report of the Secretary of the Board was read, in its order, and adopted, showing the state of the colored and domestic missions within the bounds of the Conference:

Pleasant Hill Colored Mission, served by P. R. McCrary, embraces seven plantations, visited once a month; 500 negroes preached to, 121 members, 100 children catechised; baptised, 11 adults and 45 children; received into the church 15. This mission has paid $600, and is in a healthy condition.

Big Swamp Colored Mission, served by B. F. Blow, has 5 appointments, 164 members, 17 probationers, 184 catechumens, 812 negroes preached to. The missionary represents its spiritual condition as good, and no congregation, of same size, more loyal to the South. The negroes have paid $150 toward the support of the missionary this year. The patrons wish it continued, but how much they are willing to pay toward the support of it, is not ascertained.

Letohatchie Colored Mission, served by B. F. Blow, has 4 appointments, 106 members, 6 probationers, 80 catechumens, 377 negroes preached to. The mission has paid this year $519. Spiritual condition moderate. The servants are obedient to their masters, and loyal to the country and its institutions in which their lot is cast. They have paid $108 this year toward the support of their minister. The patrons live at a distance, and have not been consulted as to the continuance of the mission, though it is presumed they wish it.

Weosapulga Colored Mission, served by JAS. E. MCCAIN, has 4 appointments; received on probation 25, baptised 10; members, 100; preaches to 300 negroes. The patrons have paid $200. The slaves and their masters wish brother McCAIN to preach to them another year.

Union Springs Colored Mission, served by ABEL TATOM, has 8 appointments, filled on Sabbath; has 218 members, 24 probationers; baptised 22 infants; 68 children catechised; 2 members died, and 1 dropped. The spiritual condition of some of the appointments is fair.

Oswichee Colored Mission, served by M. C. TURRENTINE, reports from 1500 to 1800 hearers, 438 members, 142 probationers, 10 adults, and 9 children baptised, 432 catechised. Has 12 appointments, 3 being irregular. The patrons paid $848. The mission is in a prosperous state, and the planters wish it continued.

Montgomery Colored Mission, served by J. W. JORDAN, has 1102 members, 141 probationers, 90 children baptised. This mission has a sabbath school, which is held every Sabbath morning, with 1 superintendent, 3 teachers, and 300 pupils.—The missionary has received from Stone Chapel, a church in the neighborhood served monthly, $956; and from the colored mission $859.

Hayneville Colored Mission, served by J. J. LATHRAM, has 7 plantations, 88 members, and 55 on trial. Baptised, 20 adults; 155 children catechised. Received $834, of which $105 was from the negroes. Mission represented as prosperous.

Lawrenceville Colored Mission, served by J. J. Cassiday, was organized this year; contains 4 appointments, has good congregations, and is in a prosperous condition. Paid $100. The patrons ask its continuance. Members 35, probationers 56.

Barbour Colored Mission, served by J. L. OLIVER, has 7 appointments served monthly. Members 127; probationers 82; catechumens 182; adults baptised 16; children 37. Two have died in peace this year; about 600 preached to; mission doing well. Paid $267 50 for the support of the preacher.

Mt. Jefferson Colored Mission, served by T. H. WHITBY, was organized last year by him, and he represents it as in a prosperous condition. There are 5 regular appointments to

colored people, and one to whites; 111 members. The negroes have paid over $200 for the support of their preacher. The patrons desire its continuance.

Oak Mountain Mission, served by HENRY YOUNG, has 249 white members and 69 probationers; 8 colored members and 7 colored probationers. Has 4 sabbath schools; baptised, 8 adults and 13 children. Paid $567. The mission is prosperous and wishes to be taken off the list and made a circuit, which change the board of managers recommend to be made.

Double Bridges Mission is represented by J. Y. REGISTER as doing well, considering the effect of the war on this section of the country—about Geneva, Ala. We have reports for the 3d and 4th quarters from the missionary, who has received into full connection 15 members, and on probation 8; baptised, 6 adults and 7 children. There is a membership of 155, and 6 appointments in this mission filled monthly.

Jackson (Fla.) Colored Mission, served by W. B. ADAMS. This is a new mission, and the people are not educated on the subject, but are willing to have their negroes preached to on their plantations on Sundays; has preached to 11 plantations, and had more plantations offered, but could not serve them.—The Yankee raid was through the centre of this work and broke up four appointments, which have not since been reorganized. But little money paid as yet by the patrons for its support. They desire the continuation of it. It is out of the power of the missionary to remove his family, on account of the condition of the country, and his re-appointment would be acceptable. Members 94; probationers 27; catechumens 180; hearers 300.

Uchee Colored Mission, served by F. H. WARDLAW, has 5 appointments, 300 members, 150 probationers, 150 catechumens. The mission is in a good condition. The people favor it. The patrons have paid toward the support of the missionary $552, of which amount $26 was contributed by negroes, at Mt. Zion Church.

Rev. O. R. BLUE was appointed by Bishop ANDREW at the last session of the Alabama Conference to act as superintendent of negro missions in the territory embraced in the Montgomery Conference. Large discretion was given, his business

being to awaken masters to their duties in the religious welfare of their servants, and to assist the missionaries and to facilitate their work by inducing the planters to remove preaching from their quarters to churches, and several of the patrons in a neighborhood to combine and build meeting houses for this purpose, it being impossible to serve all plantations separately. The effect of this combination, under proper police regulations, it was judged would increase the interest of religious meetings, give the missionary large congregations and fewer appointments, and more time to catechise and discipline, and to administer ordinances, and enable a preacher to serve two or three neighborhoods, embracing a dozen plantations, as well as he could serve two or three plantations separately. Bro. BLUE continued in this work until July. He found his cause well received, but this was not the time to build houses. He therefore abandoned this work by consent of the Bishop, and took the agency for the Orphans' Home. The board think this policy of concentrating plantation appointments should not be lost sight of. It is necessary to enable the society to send the gospel to a large portion of our servile population, and affords the best conditions for religious success.

Only one of our negro missions this year has been disturbed by the invading foe. In this respect we have been highly favored. In other Conferences this interesting branch of missions has been more or less interrupted, or almost broken up. There are two points we must steadily insist on :

1st, That it is the duty of those who own slaves, and who enjoy the fruits of their toil, to procure them at their own expense a preached gospel. If the church furnishes the laborers, masters ought to support them. To do this is as much their duty as to provide for the religious welfare of wife or children. To call money paid for this purpose *missionary* money, is a misnomer.

2d, When a colored mission comes to be thus supported by slave owners—as all ought to be—it should formally be taken from the *missionary* list, and neither place or funds be so reported any longer.

One domestic mission having grown into a circuit, self-supporting, ceases to be a mission after this year. Why should it

not be so with some of our old missions to negroes, whose christian masters ought long since to have relieved the Society from any tax, in having their slaves preached to?

During the year, our Conference has been represented in the great work that is being done among our noble soldiers. F. Brandon has labored as army missionary in Longstreet's corps, Fields' division—mostly in Law's brigade. W. A. Edwards has been serving among the troops in West Florida. He was the only minister caring for their souls, until about six weeks ago a missionary was sent to them by a Baptist Association. E. J. Hamill has been employed in the army of Tennessee, principally in Cleburne's division. B. F. Perry, since May, was with Polk's corps for four months, and was subsequently directed by the superintendent of missions in the army of Tennessee to labor in the Alabama hospitals. Besides these, T. J. Rutledge, W. G. Perry, Niel Gillis, George R. Talley, E. A. West, J. A. Vest and W. F. Norton, have been acting as chaplains in various portions of the army of the Confederacy. The representations of all these brethren agree that the harvest is great and the laborers are few. The power of the Lord is present in our camps. The soldiers hear the word gladly, and the opportunities for doing good to the cause of the church and the country are very inviting to zealous, faithful ministerial labor. The reports of those chaplains and missionaries who have been present during the sessions of the Conference have promoted an intelligent interest in army missions, and the Board is encouraged to believe that an increased number will go forth from our midst as chaplains and missionaries, and that the enlarged contributions to its funds will enable the Society to sustain them in the field.

H. N. McTYEIRE, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Missionary Society, held on the day of organization, Dec. 7th, the Constitution of the Society of the late Alabama Conference was adopted. The following Board of Managers were elected for the year ensuing:

W. A. McCarty, President; D. M. Hudson, V. Presi-

dent; H. N. McTyeire, Secretary; E. J. Hamill, Treasurer; M. C. Turrentine, John Matthews, Anson West, W. A. Sampey, J. W. Glenn.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. J. HAMILL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, DEC 1864.

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GADSDEN DISTRICT.

Gadsden, by T. Moody	$294 60	
Centre, by C. L. Dobbs	281 90	
Harpersville, by E. S. Smith	378 74	
Lebanon, by T. Moody	50 00	
Ashville, by T. Moody	36 90	
Jacksonville, by P. K. Brindley	150 50	
Coosa River, by T. Moody	74 60	
Total		$1267 24

TALLADEGA DISTRICT.

Talladega Station, (by R. B. Crawford,) paid D. Duncan,	$220 00	
" Station, paid into the Treasury	150 00	$370 00
" Circuit, by J. C. Walker, (paid its Home Mission)		88 66
White Plains, by J. C. A. Bridges		173 33
Arbacoochie, by R. A. Timmons		100 00
Lineville, by D. Duncan		16 75
Roanoke, by C. W. Smith		130 00
Pinkneyville, by J. M. Talley, paid D Duncan	$100 00	
" " " " into Treasury	136 88	$236 88
Camp Hill, by C. S. S. Lassiter		15 00
Dadeville, by Moses E. Butt and S. R. Slaughter		123 75
Socapatoy by L. R. Bell, paid D. Duncan,	$580 00	
" " " into the Treasury	625 00	1205 00
Hatchett Creek, by A. Carter,		75 00
Fayetteville, by T. J. Slaughter,		204 00
Total		$2738 37

SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT.

Montevallo Circuit, paid A. F. C. Mitchell	$238 16	
" by T. Moody, into Treasury	102 24	$340 40
Autaugaville Circuit, by A. J. Briggs, paid A. H. Mitchell,	$200 00	
" " into Treas'y, (Mrs. E. J. Hamill, life-member)	300 00	$500 00
Kingston Circuit, by A. H. Mitchell, paid P. E.	26 60	$ 26 60

SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT—Continued.

Wetumpka Station, by T F. Mangham, paid A. H. Mitchell	$376 65	
into the Treasury	100 00	—$476 65
Prattville Station, paid A. H. Mitchell	$300 00	—$300 00
Total		$1643 65

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

Montgomery Station, paid E. H. Myers	3300 00	—3300 00
" Herron Street Chapel, by S. S Sikes		200 00
Mount Meigs Circuit, by I. I. Tatom		250 00
Tallassee Circuit, by Robert Harris		228 16
Tuskegee Circuit, by L F. Dowdell		1050 00
Loachapoka, by J A. Pace		700 00
Tuskegee Station, by B. B. Ross, paid J. W. Jordan	$400 00	
" " " " into Treasury	1618 50	—2018 50
(Of this amount the white congregation paid $1856 70; the Sunday School $48 65, and blacks $103 15.)		
Auburn Station, by M. S. Andrews, paid E. J. Hamill	$205 00	
" " " into Treasury	175 00	—$380 00
Oak Bowery, by John Matthews		1442 50
Lafayette Circuit, by T. L. Densler		80 00
Crawford Circuit, paid F. H. Wardlaw, by J. H. Lockhart.	330 50	
" " into the Treasury	940 50	—1271 00
Russell Circuit, by W. B. Neal, paid C. D Oliver	515 00	
" " " " into the Treasury	505 33	—1020 33
Opelika Station, by J. E. Treadwell		500 00
Total		$12,440 49

EUFAULA DISTRICT.

Eufaula, by J. B. Cottrell, paid M. C. Turrentine	$180 00	
" " " into the Mreasury	320 00	—$500 00
Glennville, by Wm. A. McCarty, (one dollar gold)		480 00
Villula Circuit, by W. B. Dennis, paid M. C. Turrentine	16 00	
" " " into the Treasury	509 45	—$525 45
Enon Circuit, by J. W. Soloman, paid E. J. Hamill	320 00	
" " " John L. Oliver, C. M.	150 00	
" " " Abel Tatum, C. M.	150 00	
" Paid into the Treas'y 200 int. bearing notes	707 65	—1327 65
Union Springs Station, by C. S. Hurt, paid E. J. Hamill	190 00	
" " " paid into Treasury	64 25	—$254 25
Clayton and Louisville, by W. H. Wild, paid Barbour C. M.	150 00	
" " " " into Treasury.	192 50	—$342 50
Clayton Circuit, by W. C. Robinson		104 00
Chunnenuggee Station, by T. W. Lane		163 00
Perote, by J. F. Dickinson, paid W. H. Ellison	250 00	
" " " into Treasury	442 83	—$692 83
Total		$4,389 68

LOWNDESBORO DISTRICT.

Lowndesboro and Hayneville, by Wm. Shapard, paid P. E.	90 45	
" " paid E. H. Myers	802 13	
" " into the Treasury	257 33	—1149 91
Pleasant Hill, by J. K. Tanzey, paid E. H. Myers	122 00	
" paid J. W. Shores	300 00	
" into the Treasury	166 33	—$588 33

LOWNDESBORO DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

Farmersville Circuit, by J. A. Spence, paid E. H. Myers..	250 00		
" into the Treasury.....	436 66	—$686	66
Ramah Circuit, by J. L. Sampey, paid E. H. Myers.....	800 00		
" paid J. W. Shores.....	80 00		
" (one hundred int. bearing) into Treasury..	641 00	—1521	00
Union Circuit, by D. M. Hudson, paid E. H. Myers.....	350 00		
" " into Treasury,.....1380 00		—1730	00
Greenville, by H. J. Hunter, paid J. W. Shores.....	310 00		
" " into Treasury.....	529 50	—$839	50
Sepulga Circuit, by W. A. Sampey, paid J. W. Shores....	25 05		
" " into Treasury....	974 95	—1000	00
South Butler Circuit, by W. H. Morris, paid J. W. Shores	30 50		
" " into Treasury	897 33	—$927	83
Troy and Orion, by Angus Dowling, paid E. H. Myers....	200 00		
" " J. W Shores...	100 00		
" " into Treasury..	700 00	—1000	00
Elba Circuit, by J. A. Parker, paid J. W. Shores.....	25 00		
" " into Treasury.....	431 40	—$456	40
Brundidge, by J. P. Dickinson, paid E. H. Myers.....	83 00		
" " into Treasury.....	32 25	—$115	25
Hayneville Col'd Mission, by J. J. Lathram, paid into Tr'sy		50	00
Total.....		$10,064	88

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

Camden Station, by Anson West.....		210	00
Oak Hill, by D. S. McDonald.....		825	10
Snow Hill, by W. H. Carter, paid E. H. Myers.....	400 00		
" " into Treasury.....	150 00	—$550	00
Black's Bend, by L. M Wilson.....		650	00
Monroeville Circuit, by F. Walker.....		637	81
Evergreen Circuit, by J. A. Withers.....		30	50
Mt. Pleasant Circuit, by J. P. Jones.....		300	00
Total.....		$3,203	41

MARIANA DISTRICT.

Mariana Station, by E. B. Norton, paid B. S. Williams....	384 58		
" " into Treasury.....	10 00	—$394	58
Greenwood Circuit, by W. R. Talley, paid W. A. Edwards		311	71
Woodville Circuit, by J. D. Clark.....		192	25
Haw Ridge Circuit, by E. L. Loveless, paid B. S. Williams	120 00		
" " into Treasury.	55 25	—$175	25
Sylvan Grove Circuit, by D. T. Hamner.....		207	50
Geneva Circuit, by J. L. Skipper, paid W. A. Edwards....	184 00		
" " B. S. Williams....	92 16		
" " into Treasury.....	477 25	—$753	41
Big Creek Circuit, by D. C. Skipper.....		17	66
Cerro Gordo Circuit, by E. B. Norton.....		18	00
Lawrenceville Circuit, by W. K. Norton.....		364	00
Total.....		$2,434	80

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Annual subscription of members.....	196	25
E. B. Norton's donation.....	50	00
W. K. Norton's donation	20	00

FROM OTHER SOURCES—CONTINUED.

Wm. M. Motley's donation	50 00	
Mrs. Jane E. Ramsay's donation	17 00	
J. B. Carter's (a Confederate soldier) donation	25 00	
Epaminondas Pitts, in memory of his son, Edgar McTyeire Pitts	30 00	
John K. and Mary E. Tatum, L. Members	40 00	
Total, from other sources		—$438 25

RECAPITULATION.

Gadsden District	$1267 24	
Talladega "	2738 37	
Summerfield "	1643 65	
Montgomery "	12440 49	
Eufaula " (one dollar in gold)	4389 68	
Lowndesboro"	10064 88	
Camden "	3203 41	
Mariana "	2484 80	
From other sources	438 25	
Grand Total		—38,620 28

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By amount sent to E. H. Myers, during the year	6307 13	
Paid P. Elders, Chaplains and Missionaries for last year	6951 86	
For Missionary Assessments to P. Elders, Chaplains and Missionaries for 1865	13675 00	
Amount paid for publishing minutes	350 00	
For Mission Committee Book	50 00	
For Blank Books and Stationery	20 00	
Draft in Treasury on Hutchings & Williams	125 00	
		$27,478 49
Balance in hands of the Treasurer		11,141 78
		$38,620 27

N. B. The stoppage of express prevented an early forwarding of any of the above balance.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Annual Montgomery Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, That the itinerant preachers of the Montgomery Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and their successors, be and the same are hereby declared a body corporate by the name and style of "The Annual Montgomery Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and as such may sue and be sued, and have perpetual succession.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That at each annual Conference of the preachers of the said church there shall be elected for the government of the said Corporation, by the members thereof, three Trustees, a Treasurer and Secretary, who may under the direction of said Conference make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of this State, as they may think necessary.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the said Corporation may receive and hold real and personal property to the value of five hundred thousand dollars, to be employed under the direction of the said trustees for the advancement of the interest of religion and education, and for charitable purposes.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That the said trustees shall cause a record to be made in a book kept for that purpose of all the funds of the Corporation and the disposition made thereof, which book shall be accessible at all times to any member of the Montgomery Conference.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That no gift, devise or bequest made to the said Corporation, shall fail because of any mistake in the name or description thereof, if the intention of the donor, grantor, or devisor, can be ascertained by extrinsic proof.

Approved December 10, 1864.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Preachers' Aid Society of the Annual Montgomery Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, That Oliver R. Blue, Holland N. McTyeire, William H. Ellison, Bennett B. Ross, William M. Motley, Lewis F. Dowdell, Mark S. Andrews, James W. Shores, Daniel M. Hudson, and their successors, be and they are hereby declared a body corporate by the name and style of "The Preachers' Aid Society of the Annual Montgomery Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and as such shall have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, and receive and hold real and personal property not exceeding in value the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, the proceeds or income thereof to be expended in aid of the sick and necessitous preachers and their families, of the said Montgomery Conference.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That for the management of the affairs of the said corporation, there shall be elected at each annual Conference of the said church, by the members thereof, a President and six directors, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the said President and Directors, under the direction of said Conference, may make such rules and regulations for the government of the said Corporation as may be necessary, and appoint such agents and officers as they think proper; they shall keep and record in a book a list of the names of the members of said Corporation, and of all the acts and proceedings, showing the amount of the capital of said corporation, the income derived therefrom each year, and the disposition made thereof, to which book any member of the said corporation shall have access.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That no gift, devise or bequest, made to the said Corporation, shall fail because of any mistake in the name or description thereof, if the intention of the donor, grantor or devisor can be ascertained by extrinsic proof.

Approved Dec. 9, 1864.

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